

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Lavin, on February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 415, 2/8/2017; HB 440, 2/10/2017  
Executive Action on: HB 313; HB 336; HB 355

00:00:52 Chair Lavin

**HEARING ON HB 415**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, Revise transportation laws regarding travel in right lane.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:39 Jason Hildenstab, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:30 Rep. Fern  
00:12:56 Rep. Morigeau  
00:13:51 Vice Chair Garner  
00:14:57 Jason Hildenstab, MHP  
00:15:47 Rep. Trebas  
00:16:13 Rep. Morigeau  
00:18:14 Jason Hildenstab, MHP  
00:18:26 Rep. Trebas  
00:20:34 Jason Hildenstab, MHP  
00:21:34 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:22:17 Rep. Doane  
00:23:29 Jason Hildenstab, MHP  
00:24:12 Rep. Morigeau  
00:24:24 Rep. Shaw joined the meeting  
00:24:30 Rep. Doane  
00:24:46 Rep. Morigeau  
00:26:56 Rep. Smith  
00:27:14 Jason Hildenstab, MHP  
00:27:47 Rep. Morigeau  
00:28:35 Rep. Smith  
00:29:09 Rep. Morigeau

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:33 Rep. Morigeau

**HEARING ON HB 440**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:35 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, Revising penalty for failing to register certain out-of-state vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:04 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:35 Rep. Fern  
00:39:55 Rep. Keane  
00:40:26 Rep. Grubbs  
00:41:37 Rep. Keane  
00:42:48 Rep. Trebas  
00:43:34 Rep. Keane  
00:44:01 Chair Lavin  
00:45:04 Rep. Keane

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:41 Rep. Keane  
  
00:47:14 Chair Lavin  
  
00:48:55 Recess  
00:52:02 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 355**

00:52:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 355 DO PASS.**

00:52:25 **Motion:** Rep. Grubbs moved that **HB 355 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(trh31a01)

**Discussion:**

00:53:05 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:53:58 Rep. Shaw  
00:54:22 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
00:56:00 Chair Lavin  
00:56:20 Rep. Shaw  
00:56:26 Rep. Doane  
00:56:50 Rep. Shaw  
00:56:59 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
00:57:54 Rep. Fern  
00:58:32 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
01:00:38 Rep. Fern

01:00:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton, Vice Chair Kipp, Rep. Loge and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

01:01:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 355 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

01:01:53 Chair Lavin

01:02:01 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **HB 355 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(trh31a02)

**Discussion:**

01:02:22 Rep. Doane

01:02:59 Rep. Shaw

01:03:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton, Vice Chair Kipp, Rep. Loge and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

01:03:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 355 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:03:59 Rep. Trebas

01:04:31 Rep. Shaw

01:04:40 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:05:10 Rep. Fern

01:07:12 Lance Melton, MTSBA

01:08:16 Chair Lavin

01:09:48 Rep. Shaw

01:10:13 Chair Lavin

01:10:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Loge and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 313**

01:11:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 313 DO PASS.**

01:11:38 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Doane made a substitute motion that **HB 313 BE TABLED.**

01:12:00 Chair Lavin

01:12:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton, Vice Chair Kipp, Rep. Loge and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336**

01:13:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 336 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:13:28 Rep. Fern

01:14:12 Chair Lavin

01:14:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Doane made a substitute motion that **HB 336 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton, Vice Chair Kipp, Rep. Loge and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

01:15:51 Chair Lavin

01:16:46 Rep. Shaw

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:17:49

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Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh31aad.pdf](#))